



## **GUIDELINES FOR THE SUN (START UNI NOW) PROGRAM**

### **1. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS – SUN PROGRAM**

Consideration for acceptance into the SUN program will be based on:

- 1.1. Enrolment in secondary school studies in Years 11 or 12.
- 1.2. A student passing all subjects and achieving a minimum of B/High Achievement grades in both OP English and Mathematics in their most recent academic report card. Students not achieving this standard may be accepted into the SUN Program; however, they may not be eligible for direct entry into an undergraduate program – see Entry Requirements – Undergraduate Program.
- 1.3. Support from school principal or nominee as well as a parent/guardian.
- 1.4. The student being an Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia, New Zealand citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa.
- 1.5. The student providing a Learning Unique Identifier with the application. Students can obtain this number from their school or the Queensland Studies Authority.

### **2. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SUN PROGRAM**

- 2.1. Application forms can be downloaded from the SUN website. Closing Dates will be stated on the application form. A certified copy of the applicant's most recent academic report must be submitted with the application form, or faxed or emailed directly from the school.
- 2.2. Applications are valid until the end of the year in which they are submitted. If the student wishes to reapply the following year, they must submit a new application, with their most recent academic report card.
- 2.3. A Notification of Enrolment will be prepared by the Student Contact Centre and provided to the successful applicants.

### **3. PROGRAM OF STUDY**

- 3.1. Through the SUN Program, SUN students can obtain a maximum of 24 units of credit. Most SUN courses are worth six units of credit; however, some SUN courses are worth 12 units of credit. In the instance where a course is worth 12 units of credit, SUN students still cannot exceed the 24 units of credit in total.
- 3.2. Students in the SUN program are eligible to enrol in one course per term but, with the support of the school principal or nominee may request up to two courses per term depending upon their program of study at their school.
- 3.3. Students who fail a SUN course will have the fail grade removed without academic penalty; however, they will still be liable for the financial penalty.
- 3.4. Students who fail a SUN course will not be eligible to continue with the SUN program; however, their academic penalty will be removed and students will not be precluded in any way from applying for university later on.
- 3.5. For every course a SUN student passes, the university will contribute credits to the student's QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). Courses worth 6 units of university credit will contribute 2 QCE credits and courses worth 12 units of university credit will contribute 4 QCE credits.

### **4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

- 4.1. If a student passes at least one SUN course and meets all the entry requirements and prerequisites for the undergraduate program in which the course belongs, students can apply for direct entry into CQUniversity at the completion of year twelve. Students must provide a certified copy of their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). This is valid for two years following their completion of year twelve. Students not meeting these requirements are encouraged to apply through the Queensland Tertiary Applicant Centre (QTAC).
- 4.2. Once accepted, students can transfer the credits obtained from passing their SUN course/s to their undergraduate program, provided that the course/s belong to that undergraduate program. This applies to students being accepted through direct entry or QTAC.
- 4.3. Please note that even if a student passes their SUN courses, they are not eligible for university entry prior to completion of year twelve.

General information can be found on the SUN Website – [www.cqu.edu.au/sun](http://www.cqu.edu.au/sun).